

# Archery in the Schools Newsletter

2007 Fall Edition

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## Coordinator's Corner

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Over 200 schools in Michigan will be participating in NASP this school year. Many schools will be implementing the curriculum for the first time this fall, but many veteran NASP teachers are gearing up to once again teach the coveted archery lesson students have come to expect and just don't want to miss. NASP is designed to do more than introduce target archery to youth; it is designed to positively affect their lives and help them to find individual success. I have received testimonials from school principals and teachers who tell me they personally have observed confidence levels in students skyrocketing and that they are having to turn students away from archery classes and activities due to lack of space and equipment. Even more exciting are reports that

"archery" is responsible for improving school attendance records. For some students NASP in the classroom will be sufficient, but for others it will be their niche. The good news is that there are plenty of volunteers statewide ready to help you form after-school archery clubs and/or coach a team. If your school is ready to take NASP to the next level I personally invite you to participate in the 2nd annual state virtual tournament to be held in February. Imagine filling your gymnasium bleachers with cheering spectators all in the name of archery. What a great experience for students of all skill levels and abilities. The championship trophy has to rest somewhere, why not in your case?

## Upcoming Events

**2nd Annual  
NASP State  
Virtual Tournament  
Feb. 1-28, 2008**

## Michigan Archers Compete at Nationals

In June, students from Bark River Harris High School, Laker Junior High School and Coloma Middle School had the honor of representing Michigan at the 2007 NASP national tournament in Louisville, KY. In total, 40 Michigan student archers competed against more than 1,500 students from 20 states in the tournament. Among those competing for national ranking were the Michigan individual state archery champions; Laker Junior High School 7th Grader Derik Wurst and

Escanaba Middle School 8th Grader Mariah Kestilla. Donations received from several area community and conservation organizations made it possible for students, coaches and parents to make the journey to Louisville via motor coach buses to attend the event. Exceptional sportsmanship and skill was demonstrated by Michigan archers at the inaugural event. For a complete list of tournament results, please visit the DNR Web site.



String Knot Sequence

## Equipment Update

While extremely rare, brassnock locators have been known to come off the bowstring upon release. For safety reasons, the NASP training program will be revised to include information about using string to form replacement nock locators. Additionally, brass nock locators as well as the nock pliers have been removed from the NASP archery

repair kit and string has been added. NASP archers will be permitted to compete at the state and national levels for the 2007-2008 school years with a brass nock. However, NASP will require 100% compliance in the 2008-2009 school year. Directions for tying a nock locator on a bowstring are located at: [www.archeryintheschools.org](http://www.archeryintheschools.org).



BAI Class

## Earn SB-CEU's for Archery

The DNR continues to offer free Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) classes for teachers interested in implementing NASP. Teachers may now obtain 0.7 State Board Continuing Education Units (SB-CEU's) from the Michigan Department of Education for attending the BAI course.

### Fall BAI Class Schedule

**Nov. 10** - West Hills Middle School, Oakland County,

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**Nov. 13** - North Dickinson County School, Dickinson County

**Dec. 1** - Kenneth T. Beagle Middle School, Eaton County

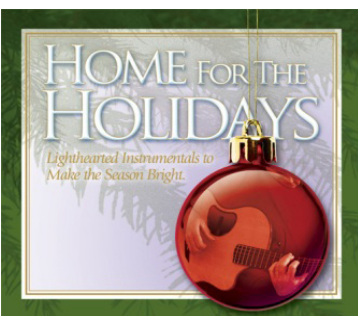


Sponsor Stickers

## Adopt-A-School Program

The Adopt-A-School program continues to assist schools to acquire sponsorship for their school archery program. Schools who need assistance raising dollars to purchase archery equipment may request to be placed in the Adopt-A-School program. Schools in the program will be listed for adoption by county on the DNR Web site. Over

eighty schools statewide have been adopted through the Adopt-A-School program since the program's inception. NASP donation forms are now available on the DNR Web site. Please remember to thank your sponsors for their generous donation by placing your sponsor's logo on your school's bow box or Kevlar net.



Holiday CD

## Holiday CD Fundraiser

Many schools find they would benefit from owning additional archery equipment. If you would like to purchase additional archery equipment but do not have the financial means to do so, the Holiday CD Fundraiser may be a solution to your archery equipment needs.

### Here's how it works:

- Sell just 10 holiday CDs per youth and make \$2,700. That is enough for a complete archery equipment kit!
- Additionally, each youth can win a Genesis bow!

For additional information, visit: [www.fundraisingmusic.com](http://www.fundraisingmusic.com)

## What's New?

A new product on the market called the Archery Game Cube makes practicing target archery a lot more fun and provides for hours of shooting enjoyment for individuals and groups of all ages and skill levels. This innovative product allows students to practice target archery while simultaneously learning subjects such as math, English,

spelling, geography and even Spanish. Game stickers are reusable up to 1,000 shots and will adhere to any target. If you would like to add more shooting variety to your archery class, tournament or league, please visit [www.archerygamecube.com](http://www.archerygamecube.com) for more information on the 24 game choices available and wholesale pricing.

## DNR Web Site: Linking You to Archery

Whether you are new to NASP or a veteran teacher in the program the DNR Web site has what it takes to link you to archery. The site is designed to provide information about NASP and will assist you in locating training dates, ordering equipment and obtaining the curriculum. The Web site also can help you locate local archery

retailers, discount equipment, shooting ranges, youth archery programs, upcoming events and even the latest products and training aids. The site also will provide you with a complete overview of state and national tournament events. To get all this and more, please visit [www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery) for up-to-date NASP information.

## Virtual Tournaments: Competition Made Easy

Ever wonder what a state virtual tournament is? Virtual tournaments are designed to allow archery teams to compete against schools statewide from a location of their choice during a designated time frame established by the DNR, utilizing tournament guidelines which they must follow. Although virtual tournaments severely limit the experience of face-to-face competition among archers of different schools, there are many

benefits. By holding a virtual tournament schools do not have to find the time or travel money to attend a single state tournament. This allows many archery teams to participate in the state tournament that otherwise may have been restricted. In addition, teams and individual winners are presented with awards and the coveted honor of representing their state at Nationals. Does your team have what it takes?

## Locate NASP Schools

Looking for a local school which has an archery club to compete against? If so, visit the DNR Web site for a complete listing of NASP schools in the program by county. Friendly competition with local schools is an excellent way to test your archers' skills, as well as a great way to introduce students

to their peers who have common interests in target archery. In addition, archery clubs provide an excellent venue for students to participate in target archery outside of the classroom setting, and will build camaraderie among students, as well as ultimately aiding your school in developing a solid team.

### Example Games



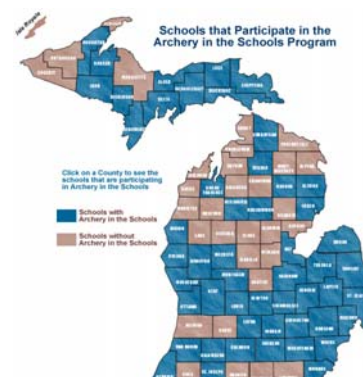
### Word Scramble



### Nock Out



Bark River Harris High School  
State Championship Team



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## NASP Testimonials Sought for New Age Outdoors TV Show

Has NASP positively affected one of your student's lives? If so, New Age Outdoors Television Show wants to hear your NASP success story!

Twelve students will be selected to be featured on the show and will receive a gift package including bow, arrows and other archery accessories. In addition, one student will be selected by random drawing to win an outdoor adventure with the

program's host. Remember the level of skill your student has achieved in archery is not important, but rather the key is to capture the level of enjoyment he or she has experienced from participating in NASP. To submit a nomination, download the nomination form located at [www.newageoutdoors.tv](http://www.newageoutdoors.tv). There is no deadline for submitting an application.

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